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# IRMA TIMES

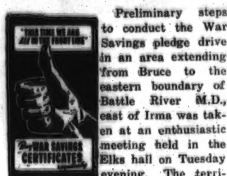
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## War Savings Pledge Campaign Organized from Bruce to Irma

(From the Viking News)  
BIG WAR SAVINGS DRIVE  
OUTLINED AT MEETING



Preliminary steps to conduct the War Savings pledge drive in an area extending from Bruce to the eastern boundary of Battle River M.D., east of Irma was taken at an enthusiastic meeting held in the Elks hall on Tuesday evening. The territory to be canvassed includes the Hamlet of Bruce, municipal districts Nos. 423, 424, 453, and 455, and all of the hamlets and villages therein. Reeves, mayors and secretary-treasurers of the above named municipal districts, and the villages of Viking and Irma and the hamlets of Jarow, Kinella and Bruce, will meet shortly to form a central organization. The meeting elected O. Fitzmaurice president and H. Rollins secretary of the temporary executive to issue a call immediately and get the drive underway as soon as possible. Every individual in the area above mentioned will be canvassed. No monies will be handled in the present campaign by the canvassers as the purpose of the drive is to secure pledges only. There are three methods, viz: the pay roll plan; individual pledge, and war savings stamps. The campaign now on is primarily for regular war savings certificate pledges, but the stamp plan is not being overlooked.

Mr. A. E. Ottewill was the principal speaker at the meeting outlining the need of support from those who are at home. Soldiers pledge their all, those at home are asked to supply the armed forces with the necessary supplies. The time has come, said the speaker, when we must defend democracy which others before us laid down their lives for. The government is not asking us for gifts, but just to lend all we can. Mr. Purvis assisted in the organization work. Mr. O. Fitzmaurice acted as chairman.

It was disclosed at the meeting that the M.D. of Lakewood has already taken steps to organize the municipality. Irma and district was well represented by a delegation consisting of Mr. R. D. Smallwood, the reeve of M.D. Battle River; Chas. Wilbraham, secretary and newly el-

ected member of the Irma village council; Messrs. W. N. Frickleton, J. C. McFarland, Jas. Fletcher and W. A. Burton. Some preliminary organization had already begun in Irma. These gentlemen assisted materially in getting the organization away to a good start. Canada calls. Be a regular saver. Thumba Up.

## Holden Division Trustees Meeting

**HOLDEN S.D. TRUSTEES ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1st**  
The Holden School Division Trustees Association annual convention is to be held in Holden Town Hall on March 1, 1941. Official delegates will receive 8 cents per mile travelling expenses and will be given a ticket for luncheon at noon. It is hoped that each district in the division will be well represented and that an official delegate from every district will attend.

The program is:  
9:00—Registration of delegates.  
10:00—O Canada, led by Holden chorus.  
10:05—Invocation, Rev. T. J. Stainton  
10:10—Address of Welcome, T. E. White, mayor of Holden.  
10:15—President's address, Albert V. Johnson, Holden.  
10:30—Discussion, business administration of the division led by chairman, A.H. Lefsrud.  
11:40—Physical training display conducted by Miss D. Costick.  
11:50—School chorus conducted by Miss O. Thresher.  
12:00—Adjourn for lunch.  
1:30—A report on educational progress in the division, J. H. McLean, superintendent.  
2:30—Question period (educational matters).  
2:45—Display of General Shop and Home Economics work and discussion led by W. J. Fleming, chairman of joint committee in charge of these courses, H. B. Cassin, General Shop instructor, and Miss J. Robinson, Home Economics instructor.  
3:15—Address, J. R. Hamphill, press Holden inspectorate of local A.T.A.  
3:30—Report of president, secretary, followed by election of officers.

## C. B. C. Arranges Unique Broadcast

BROADCASTS ARRANGED IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

In Canada there are some four million citizens who are not of Anglo-French-Canadian origin. We who are English find it difficult sometimes to pronounce their names and impossible to read their newspapers. They are Canadians, some of them for several generations. Their representation in the Canadian Army is so large, we have every reason to glory in their loyalty. Their women are active in our charitable, social and war service organizations. They have invested heavily in war bonds and savings certificates.

To give the various groups an opportunity of expressing themselves, the CBC has arranged a series of broadcasts over the national network. Readers of the Viking News should note the programs here outlined.  
Feb. 26—Ukrainian-Canadians  
Mar. 5—Polish-Canadians  
Mar. 12—Netherland-Canadians  
Mar. 19—Hungarian-Canadians  
Mar. 26—Swedish-Canadians  
Apr. 2—Finnish-Canadians  
Apr. 9—Czech-Canadians  
Apr. 16—Polish-Canadians  
Apr. 23—Belgian-Canadians  
Apr. 30—Italian-Canadians  
May 7—German-Canadians  
May 14—Norwegian-Canadians.  
The hour will be 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

## The World of Wheat

**H. G. L. Strange**  
Recently I had the privilege of visiting the States of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota, looking into agricultural matters. In each of these states I found the government, the colleges of agriculture, the grain companies, the millers and bakers, all concerning themselves with the improvement of the quality of their wheat.

The Canadian "Crop Testing Plan" I found has been adopted as the basis of the Crop Improvement Projects. These American people are proposing to license by law the varieties that farmers can grow. They are growing and testing samples of the farmers' crop to determine their true nature, variety, and are making good seed available at cost to those farmers who need it.

The work is being actively pursued, and these states, each of which exports wheat in normal times, are determined that the quality of their wheat shall be acceptable to world buyers when peacetime comes.

The activity of our American friends makes it all the more necessary, it seems to me, why we in Canada should, if possible, even increase the efforts we are now making to improve the quality of our own prairie wheat; for after the coming peace our wheat producers will certainly have to face some keen competition on the markets of the world.

**SITUATION WANTED**—Middle aged man wants job. Experienced at farm work, could handle job as working manager. Best of references. Or would rent equipped farm. Apply Box 314, Irma.

The date of the mammoth horse sale at Viking has been changed from March 14th to March 12th. All interested please note change in date.

**YOU AND I**  
(When we separate the word "business" into its component letters, B-U-S-I-N-E-S-S, we find that 'U' and 'I' are in it. In fact 'U' and 'I' are not in 'business' it would not be business. Therefore, if business is to remain 'business', we must keep 'U' and 'I' in it.  
Furthermore, we discover that 'U' comes before 'I' in business and the 'I' is silent—it is seen—not heard. Also the 'U' in business has the sound of 'I', which indicates that it is an amalgamation of the interest of 'U' and 'I' and that when they are properly amalgamated, business becomes harmonious and altogether profitable.

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## Wedding Bells

JACK—HORN

Charming simplicity marked the wedding Friday evening of Anna Lois, only daughter of Mrs. Nellie Horn and the late J. B. Horn, to Alfred Henry (Fred) Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jack of Clyde, Alta. The ceremony took place at 7:30 o'clock in the Irma United Church in the presence of immediate relatives and many friends.

Rev. Longmire read the service behind an open-gate archway which was prettily decorated with double pink petunias and fern. On either side of the arch stood small potted evergreen trees.

To the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus played by Mr. Ray Locke, the bride entered the church on the arm of her grandfather, Mr. C. A. Riley, who gave his granddaughter in marriage. The bride wore a gown of blue cut-drape with full floor-length circular skirt. The bodice was fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, short, puffed sleeves and with long white mittens. Her small blue chapel veil was held in place by a halo of orange blossoms. The bride's only piece of jewelry was a string of small pearls. She carried a bouquet of spring flowers.

Miss Marjorie McFarland, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid and wore a floor-length gown of turquoise cut-sheer, fashioned with low neckline and short, puffed sleeves. Her accessories consisted of a small white flowered turban and long white gloves. Her bouquet was of yellow daffodils.

Mr. Bruce Hunter of Edmonton acted as best man. Ushering the guests to seats marked by white bows were Mr. William Horn, brother of the bride, and Mr. Ross McFarland, cousin of the bride.

During the signing of the register Mrs. Jack Fletcher sang "Because." There was a reception following the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McFarland, the bride's aunt. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jack were assisted in receiving by Miss Marjorie McFarland and Mr. Bruce Hunter. Mrs. Bob Stimmerman sang "Bluebird of Happiness" before the bride and groom took their place at the table.

The wedding cake in the centre of the table was placed on a large red heart covered with white tulle and little red hearts. White tapers burned in crystal holders on either side of the cake. Assisting at the reception were Mrs. Jack Fletcher, Mrs. Bob Smith, Miss Edith Jones, Miss Stella Arnold, Miss Evelyn McIntee, Miss Olive Jack, Miss Betty Lou Redman and Miss Betty McLean.

The happy couple left for Edmonton amidst a shower of hearty congratulations and goodwishes.

Out-of-town guests to the wedding were: Mrs. Redman and Betty Lou, Hardisty; Mrs. Stanley Jack, Edmonton; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Starrett, Edmonton; Mr. Bruce Hunter, Edmonton; Mrs. W. H. Jack, Clyde; Mr. Bob Carter, Edmonton; Miss Edith Jones, Carleton Place.

## ROSEBERRY JUNIOR RED CROSS GRATEFUL FOR SUPPORT

The members of the Roseberry Junior Red Cross wish to thank all those who helped make their Valentine party held at the school last Friday night a success. The winning ticket on the Indian blanket raffle was drawn by little Miss Orton, the lucky winner being Fred Younker. The juniors realized the net sum of \$30, which will be sent to the Red Cross hospital at Calgary. The evening was spent playing games and contests, after which an enjoyable lunch was served by the children.

Thos. G. Dark of Edmonton Optical will be at Viking Drug after 2:30, and in the evening Thursday, Feb. 27, at Irma Drug Friday morning, 9:30 to 12, Feb. 28. Eyes examined, glasses fitted and guaranteed.

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## CANADIAN LEGION

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Four months ago 60 young men were promised acceptance by the R.C.A.F. on condition they completed their high school studies. By last week 50 of them obtained sufficient educational standing to enter an Elementary Training School to qualify as pilots, air observers, machine gunners, bombers and photographers. The other 40 are expected to graduate by the end of February.

## RADIO STATION CJCA

Are you a Goon? Now don't take insult at that query, I merely want to know if you had received membership in the Goon Club as featured on the "Happy Gang." If you haven't yet applied for membership, then my recommendation is that you do so immediately—all you have to do to obtain membership is to send in a good 'corny' joke—the corner the better chance you have of being accepted. If you have any trouble or

## CHURCH NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

### UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, February 23  
Irma—Sunday school 11 a.m.  
Public worship 7:30 p.m.  
Mid-week meeting in the church on Wednesday evening at the usual hour. Everyone cordially invited.

### ANGELICAN CHURCH

Anglican church service next Sunday, February 23rd, at 2:30 p.m.  
At our W.A. meeting the advisability of changing our day was discussed as all Tuesdays are now Red Cross sewing bees. Therefore in future our W.A. day will be the fourth Friday of each month.

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Reduced for this week. Per yard	29c

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### The Turning Point?

The fact that Anglo-Saxon leadership in both hemispheres is frequently reiterating the belief that the current year, 1941, will prove to be the turning point of the war, should not lull the people of this country into the fond delusion that the worst is over and that it will not be long before British forces will be able to win in a walk-over.

While, of course, there is always the possibility that some unknown and unforeseen factor may suddenly enter the picture and cause the tide of victory to flow like a great tidal wave, such a contingency should, at present at least, be regarded as a pure gamble with long odds against it. On the contrary, the safe, the sane and the only sensible view to take is an assumption that there are plenty of hard knocks yet to come; indeed, indications at this stage seem to point to the likelihood that the toughest blows which the enemy may be capable of delivering have not yet been struck.

No matter how comforting it may be to nurse the belief that the corner has been turned, it would be the part of wisdom to steel ourselves to the thought that there is a long, hard road to travel yet before the victory is won and the war is over. Not only is it the part of wisdom to accept this hypothesis as a truism, but it is the only safe view to take, and having taken that view, to shape our course accordingly.

And what does it mean to shape our course in accordance with this assumption, if it does not mean that we must redouble our efforts on all fronts, that we must multiply our sacrifices without counting the cost, that we must daily gird our loins for sustained and superhuman effort, that we must marshal to the fight all our resources, to the last man available, the last dollar in the purse, the last ounce of energy in productive effort in the factory and the field?

### We Are Not Alone

There may be good ground for the opinion that 1941 will see the turning point of the war in favor of the British and the Allies, but it will not be unless every Canadian does his or her bit to help make it so.

If any consolation is needed to temper the sacrifices that are now being made and the still greater sacrifices that will inevitably have to be borne before we have seen this thing through, it should lie in the knowledge that the harder we pull on the oars the sooner will the finish line be reached.

If any further consolation is needed it may be found in the knowledge that we are not alone. Not only have we ranged on our side the enormous productive capacity of the factories, the mills and the shipyards of the good neighbor to the south, but in Europe and Africa millions of Nazi victims, at present on the sidelines, are eagerly yearning and anxiously waiting the moment when they can, with some hope of success, pitch into the fray and help rend the foe which ground them into the dust.

When that moment comes, which will be after the tide has definitely turned, one may reasonably expect a rapidly increasing tempo in the upsurge of the revolting victims of Nazi cruelty and repression. There are many evidences that help from that quarter will be forthcoming when the time is ripe, help which will play its part in accelerating the end of Nazism in Europe, after the pattern of the rolling snowball.

### Biding Their Time

The temper of the people in some of the conquered countries, after the first shock and depression of their plight wore off is evidenced in stories which have filtered through to Canada via Great Britain.

For instance we learn that in Brussels when Germans board a tram, all the other passengers get off. The cinemas which show German news reels are empty. If a German asks a Belgian stranger for a light, it is offered, but the Belgian throws away his own cigarette.

In Holland, the German-controlled Hiversum radio has had to complain that ministers of the church select ambiguous texts for their sermons in order to point an anti-Nazi moral. Prof. C. V. De Vries, of Rotterdam, has been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment and fined for introducing some remarks about the Dutch Royal House in a speech with the words: "As I myself heard over the radio and as you will have heard. . ."

Germans are complaining that people in these two countries and in France are listening to British broadcasts, but the Germans apparently are quite unable to stop it.

Then, too, there are the peoples of ravaged Czechoslovakia and Poland. They are not going to forget the massacres, the tortures and the indignities they have sustained. Those who have escaped are performing valorous deeds with the British forces. Those who were not so fortunate are biding their time.

No, we are not alone. But until that turning time comes, let our backs bend, let our muscles ripple.

### Markings Changed

Markings of Royal Air Force fighter planes, previously almost the same as those of the enemy, have been changed. The black coloring on the undersurface of the port wing has been restored. The undersurface of the starboard wing remains duck-egg blue and red, white and blue roundels have been retained.

### Fees Once Were Treasure

Nowadays a pea is just something that won't stay on a fork, but in the gilded days of French 17th century society peas cost \$60 a pint, delegates to a coming conference at Michigan State College were told.

Berlin says that "at the opportune moment" it will tell the reason why there was no invasion of England last fall. It can tell it to Germany. We know the reason now—the R.A.F.

### Need Radio Men

#### Wireless Operators And Mechanics Required In Canada And Britain

To fill an urgent need for radio mechanics and engineers for British and Canadian air forces lists of the national registration conducted last August across Canada are being combed for qualified men.

At an air ministry press conference, Hon. C. G. Power, said "radio operators are the crying need in Britain and also here." Since before Christmas the air ministry has been recruiting radio operators, with the aid of a big publicity campaign. All enlistments were assured quick transfer to Britain, if qualified.

About 700 radio men have been taken on, including 100 officers, but the need is for several times that number. The exact number required has not been disclosed, nor have details been given of the nature of the work involved. A report that wireless men were needed as service staff for the new R.A.F. defence against night bombers has not been confirmed.

Officials have been quietly combing the national registration records for men with radio training, and this has been the first notable adaptation of the lists of skilled categories to an important war purpose. The lists have been used to locate men with training required for special jobs from time to time ever since the registration was completed. But only now has the voluminous record of 8,000,000 citizens been sufficiently organized to permit wide scale use. The call-up of radio mechanics is purely voluntary, and the registration records are being used only to locate qualified men who are being invited to enlist in the R.C.A.F.

Ermine is the fur of northern weasels of both hemispheres, with the pelt being taken in winter, when the animal's coat changes from brown to white.

The flightless cormorant of the Galapagos Islands cannot breathe with its beak closed. The nostrils grow together before the bird is hatched.

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### Shell Plants

#### Manufacture Of Explosives To Be Greatly Increased

Total production of explosives in Canada this year should approach in quantity the entire output during the first Great War, said Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply.

Mr. Howe outlined the progress of Canada's \$100,000,000 chemical and explosives program on which some 15,000 men are engaged on construction work alone. Several thousands more are engaged on production.

The chemicals and explosives program calls for an output more than double that of any year of the first Great War.

One shell-fitting plant and two chemical plants started operations in the last three months. Two other major chemical plants and one major explosives plant should enter production shortly. A Canadian plant will be leading aerial bombs. Some of the new plants will manufacture chemicals never before made in Canada.

To have the advantages of decentralization and at the same time provide "business and professional leaders essential to the success of the program with an administrative mechanism with which they are fully familiar, the entire chemicals and explosives plan has been placed in the hands of the Allied War Supplies Corporation, a company wholly owned by the crown.

Mr. Howe said this company would have under its supervision the development and co-ordination of 19 explosives, chemical, shell-filling and kindred projects. Although the projects are administered by private industry, the ownership is vested in the crown.

Greater portion of the major projects will be in operation by July or August. Construction work now in progress calls for a monthly payroll of about \$2,000,000.

### History Of Silk

#### Was Used In China Before The Dawn Of History

It is said that the kings and nobles of China wore silken garments away back before our records of history, but Europe first knew this material when the venturesome explorers of Venice and Portugal brought these luxury fabrics to decorate their lady loves in the thirteenth century.

Silk always had its lure. A story is told that even the Greek philosopher, Aristotle, tutor to Alexander the Great, fell victim to the wiles of a little maid in waiting who flattered about the court in a flimsy silken skirt.

Queen Elizabeth, in the year 1561, is reputed to have worn the first pair of silk stockings, crude and coarse affairs compared to the diamond-geared leg-worn by the shop girl of to-day. Before this time, stockings were made of velvet, and other expensive cloth, for the short-trousered men, but the ladies, with their long gowns, paid little attention to their hose.

It was a minister of the church, the Rev. William Lee of an English village, who in 1589 invented the first knitting machine to make stockings, and all because he grew so tired of seeing his wife monotonously knitting the family stockings by hand. "Dear man! But neither he nor anyone else believed then that knitting machines could knit anything so fine as silk thread.

### British Subjects Released

Some 1,000 British subjects have been released from a camp in unoccupied France where they were interned at the time of the French collapse, the British Broadcasting Corporation reported. About 600 more are expected to be released shortly, the BBC said. Those released were women with children under 16, women over 60, men over 65 and women whose husbands are over 65, the BBC added.

### Ready For Emergency

#### Says Greatest Hour Of Britain's History Is Approaching

The greatest hour of Britain's history is approaching "and we shall arise to it," A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, told a war weapons meeting.

"What we have accomplished has given us our chance to win," Mr. Alexander said. "Now we have to take that chance to go on to victory."

The heaviest tasks, sternest ordeals and severest testing time still lie ahead, he warned, adding: "Our endurance and courage will have to rise to yet greater heights."

"Inevitably the full weight of the mightiest military machine the world has ever known will be hurled against us," he said and "we will have to meet the onslaught."

"Having realized the nature of the crisis that lies ahead, there is no need to quail. The greatest and grandest hour of our history is approaching and we shall arise to it."

Every man has some present blessing, but nearly all men dwell on some past blunder, and with this mud in their minds, they look over into the future for more trouble.

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## AGENT IN SABOTAGE

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## CHAPTER VI.

It was a sleepless night for Nancy Thorne. She curled up miserably in the centre of the lumpy bed, the pale green organically frock lying in a crumpled heap on the floor. One thing kept returning to her mind, over and over again. One name kept rising in her thoughts, time after time. Tom Cantwell.

He had told Hugo Blake that she was working in the office under an assumed name. He had told Hugo Blake that story about her father's failure, making it appear that John Bristow had been directly to blame. But that wasn't all.

Tom had walked down the corridor with her that day at the factory, trying to look as though he were just getting acquainted with a new girl at the office. He had told her, in that low, insistent whisper, "Whatever Hugo Blake wants you to do, you do it. Keep it a dead secret at the office."

For that matter, what was Tom doing, working as a machinist in the Bristow plant?

Whichever way her mind turned, she could come to only one answer: Tom was in this thing too. He was working with Hugo Blake in this terrible work that she was just beginning to understand.

Her first plan, after Blake had explained that he wanted her to obtain certain information for him from the office, had been to go to John Bristow in the morning and tell the whole story. Then as Blake had gone on with his explanation, it had occurred to her that she had not one shred of proof.

She realized at last that she must pretend to co-operate with Hugo Blake, and must at least seem to do whatever he demanded. Only in that way could she obtain some proof that would render him harmless in the future, and only in that way was there a chance of learning the identity of his fellow conspirators. Already she knew the identity of one of them—Tom Cantwell.

Near dawn she dropped off into a restless sleep, waking to find the sunlight pouring through the dingy window.

She rose, bathed and dressed, her mind flooded with a new resolve. At least she didn't have to face the problem alone. There was still one person she could ask for advice, even for help. Her brother, Pat.

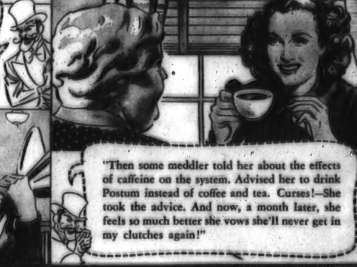
A telephone call revealed that Pat Thorne was at the airport due for a flying lesson. He would be back late in the afternoon.

She pulled on a little soft felt hat, took her purse and gloves, and



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went out. Waiting till late afternoon would be unbearable now.

The airport was buzzing with activity. A training ship circled in the blue overhead; Nancy recognized Iris Bristow's roadster among the cars in the parking lot, and wondered if that might be Iris, halfway to the clouds. For a moment she paused, admiring the graceful movements of the tiny plane. If only she could be up there instead! Then she remembered her errand.

A mechanic told her that Pat was in the operations building, and she headed toward it, picking her way carefully through the dust. By the door she paused for a moment's thought.

What was she going to tell Pat when she found him? How was she going to make it clear to him? For all she knew, he might laugh at her, tell her it was all nonsense. Well, she'd have to find a way to make him believe her, that was all.

As she stood there deciding what to say, two men came out of the operations office, talking in low tones. One of them, tall, thin and red-haired was Pat. She started forward joyously, then checked herself suddenly. The other man was Tom Cantwell.

The open door of the building hid her from their view and they stood talking for a moment, oblivious of her presence, while fragments of their conversation drifted to her stunned ears.

"I know I can't back out now," Pat was saying in a half whisper. "But it's risky. If—"

The rest was lost in the roar of a plane overhead. When it had passed, Tom was saying, "—certainly, worth the risk. Right now there's a big drive to bring more student pilots out. If there should suddenly be a lot of unexplained accidents to student pilots, it would put a big crimp in enlistments."

Nancy felt her flesh had frozen to her bones. Her impulse was to rush out and confront them. Her second thought held her back to listen.

"—don't like the kid getting mixed up in this," Pat said. "Don't worry about her. She doesn't know what she's doing."

Nancy knew they were talking about her.

"She mustn't know," Pat said, almost harshly.

But I do know, she told herself. There could be no confiding in Pat now, either. Somehow she steadied herself, patted her hair into place and walked out from behind the hangar door, smiling as though she hadn't a care in the world.

"Hello Pat! Surprise!"

The two men spun around. "Why, kid! Where did you spring from?" Pat's snub-nosed, freckled face broke into a welcoming grin.

"I thought I'd run out and remind you you still had a sister," She added. "Hello, Tom," lightly, smiling at him brightly.

Pat threw an arm about her shoulders. "I hadn't forgotten. Fact is, I've been worrying about you a lot. How goes the life of a working girl?"

"It goes swell. I wouldn't leave it for the world."

Tom grinned down at her. "Pat

shouldn't worry about you, with me on the ground to look after you." He turned to Pat. "I see the kid every day; looking efficient as all get-out."

"You working people!" Pat said, half ruefully. His eyes kept seeking the sky. "Iris seems to be doing all right up there."

"Then that is Iris!" Nancy exclaimed impulsively. "I'd guessed it." She laughed. "Telepathy, maybe."

They watched in silence while the training ship circled the field, and finally came in for a perfect landing. The girl who climbed out of the plane looked exceedingly chic in her flying clothes; when she slipped off her leather helmet a mass of pale-gold hair gleamed in the sun.

She greeted them joyously, hugging Nancy and declaring that it had been ages since she had seen her, but too filled with enthusiasm over the flying lesson she had just taken to talk of anything else.

"Am I doing, Pat?" She looked up at him winsomely.

"All right."

Nancy knew that when Pat said "All right" in that tone of voice, it was the highest praise he could give. She was going to be late for dinner, Iris Bristow declared, and after extracting a promise from Nancy to telephone soon, she went off to her car, waving over her shoulder as she went. Again Nancy felt a pang of envy.

She had always admired, yes, envied Iris Bristow's insolence, her gaiety, her daredevil bravery. Now for a moment she felt she would give anything to share the blonde girl's carefree, joyous, thoughtless life. But all that was behind her now.

"Funny how you can be around a girl most of your life and hardly notice her, and then all of a sudden—"

"—was it Pat who spoke, a new, serious note in his usually gay voice.

"Meaning Iris?" Tom said quietly. Pat nodded. "Maybe it's been happening all along and I never knew it till now—when it's too late."

"Too late, Pat?" Nancy asked. There was bitterness in his voice. "Maybe if things had gone along the way we always expected, I'd be engaged to Iris right this minute. But what have I got to offer Iris Bristow now? I'll probably never earn enough to keep her in gloves."

He drew a long breath that was almost a sigh. "There isn't a thing in the world I wouldn't do for money."

"Pat!" It was Tom who spoke, his voice low.

"I know. That's a rotten thing to say. But maybe I mean it."

"You have a future, Pat." Tom seemed to be conveying some message to the red-haired young man that Nancy wasn't supposed to hear. "Oh, sure." A grin broke over Pat's face. "Well, going up now. So long, Tom. See you later."

He kissed Nancy's cheek. "Take care of yourself, sis." He waved at them over his shoulder as he ran toward the field.

Nancy stared after him. He seemed so young, so brave, so debonair. Was it need of money, or just a craving for adventure that led him into this thing? She felt Tom's hand on her arm and turned to look up at his tanned, honest earnest face.

"Let me drive you home, Nancy?" he grinned. "Maybe we can—pretend everything is just like it used to be."

She started to refuse, then checked herself. If she could bring herself to spy on Hugo Blake, by pretending friendliness, she could do the same with Tom. She returned his smile.

"Sure. I haven't seen you for so long, really."

He helped her into his car and started down the road leading away from the airport. "Hansie old bus. Maybe I can afford a new one soon," Nancy thought suddenly of how

the money for it was being earned, and again felt her flesh turn cold.

"It's still a good old bus," she said lightly. "We've gone a lot of places in it together." The breath caught for a moment in her throat.

"Still got the key to it I gave you last summer?"

She nodded silently. Tom had made something very special of giving her the key to his car.

"Sorry I haven't seen you much lately, Nancy. I've been busy, you know."

"Sure. I understand." She glanced up at him from the corner of her eye. He had always seemed so solid, so steady. One of the sure things in a changing world. He looked the same now, his brown hair rumpled by the wind, his keen grey eyes fixed on the road.

"Stop for a hot dog somewhere, Nancy?" he glanced down at her. "Since we're turning the clock back for the afternoon."

She nodded. Somehow she managed to make her voice gay. "We'll pretend everything is like it always used to be. It is like it always used to be."

But in her heart she knew it was not.

(To Be Continued)

## Presents Difficulties

Purchasing Of Food For Britain Is Not Easy Task

The task allotted to the British Ministry of Food as the nation's shopkeeper with an annual "household" budget of \$600,000,000 (\$2,670,000,000) is not an easy one.

To keep the country's shelves stocked and the stores at the back of the shop filled, the Ministry earmarks two-thirds of this enormous trading account for imports, of which the Ministry has been the sole purchaser since private importation was ended by government order last June.

A ministry spokesman explained that the biggest difficulty is in trying to find the balance between driving a hard bargain for the British consumer and finding a reasonable price for the foreign grower.

"It has been suggested that we have at times lost the opportunity of making valuable purchases through trying to drive too hard a bargain. Particular attention has been called to the case of the Spanish bitter orange crop," says a ministry spokesman.

"A jump in the cost of raw materials, such as oranges for marmalade, does not end there. At every stage the increase becomes greater. We must not start on a vicious spiral movement."

"In the long run it is far better that consumers in this country should go without foodstuffs such as lemons and onions, which are not essentials, than that the ministry of food should get the reputation throughout the world of being prepared to pay whatever price the producer or exporter demands."

## Are Well Looked After

English cats don't lack much even in the bombardment; there is plenty of homestead there, and cats love this. The English are friendly to cats, and even in the poorest districts they are not neglected. English breeders of pedigree cats report that they are doing well and have held some successful shows. As for Nazi bombs, the cats don't even notice them.

Following successful tests of one locomotive, more than 30 coal-burning locomotives of the Egyptian state railways will be converted to oil burners.

Butchers wore semi-formal dress, including top hats, while serving the trade in the England of 1840.

There are about 2,000 species of snakes in the world.

## Has Become A Symbol

Normal Life Of London Is Voiced Through Big Ben

It is good news that Big Ben has been restored to the BBC program as forerunner of the nine o'clock news bulletin. Considerations of security may have led to the exclusion of his own resonant time signal, but the return of that massive stroke will be welcomed throughout the English-speaking world and perhaps in many quarters beyond it.

That stroke now speaks for something more than the passage of time. If London is the nightly centre for the attack on the heart of the British Commonwealth, the deep tones of this famous chime will now bear a repeated message of courage and resistance. London's surface has been hideously and wantonly scarred, but its spirit is unscathed. Some people are calling for more military bands, and one M.P. apparently considers that the sirens should be trained to sound a bugle call as a warning of the "alert."

But the best of all evidence of an ability to "carry on" lies in the undisturbed characteristics of normal life. The sound of Big Ben belongs to the peace of the past, and it will be heard again in the peace of the future. Let it be heard now as a steadfast link through the hours of ordeal by battle.—Manchester Guardian.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

## A STANDARD

Be just and fear not; let all the ends thou aimest at, be thy country's, thy God's, and truth's.—Shakespeare.

Whenever our country calls, friends, sons, and sires should yield their treasure up, nor own a sense beyond the public safety.—Brooke.

All men are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.—Jefferson.

It will never do to be behind the times in things most essential, which proceed from the standard of right that regulates human destiny.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Humanity is a duty made known and enjoined by revelation, and ever keeping pace with the progress of Christianity.—Sydney Smith.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.—Isaiah 62:10.

## Obviously Her First Trip

The National Geographic relates that when one of the Pan American Clippers was starting for Hawaii, a steward asked a lady passenger if he might put away her coat. "No, thank you," she said, "I'll be needing it later when I go out on the promenade deck!"

The best years of a girl's life are the first five she's eighteen.

## South African Gold Production

Gold mining production in South Africa is passing all 1939 records. This is due to three factors: higher price of gold; mass tonnage policy; new producers are now getting into their stride.



## How To Keep Warm

Danish King Tells His Secret For Resisting Cold Weather

King Christian shows his German-occupied country how to keep warm through a cold winter when coal is scarce.

Asked by a woman how he managed at the age of 70 to take daily horseback rides even in the bitterest cold, the Danish sovereign replied:

"I put old newspapers inside the overcoat of my uniform. That way I keep warm."

## Produced Best Fans

The Imperial Ivory Works produced the best fans in China. Located in the palace at Peking, it was founded in the seventeenth century, and did exquisite work on the ivory handles and sticks of fans.

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### Viking Items.

In court on Monday held here by Magistrate Jackson of Vegreville, the charge of doing bodily harm preferred by John Kovac against J. W. Stambaugh, was dismissed. Thos. White, barrister of Holden acted for the defendant, while S. Lefsrud, barrister of Viking, acted for the plaintiff.

"That little human dynamo" Dr. Haworth, has been "under the weather" for the past few days and has been advised to take a rest for a couple of months, but we note he is up and around looking after the needs of others.

Stuart Purvis acted as chauffeur for his dad and Mr. Ottewill who addressed the war savings meeting held here Tuesday evening. Stuart is one of our former high school students who is attending the university and is a popular figure on the campus.

The rural mechanical course school held here for six weeks ended in a blaze of glory last Wednesday evening when a program sponsored by the boys in attendance (some 50) was held in the Elks hall. The hall was filled with visitors, parents and friends of the boys and to say the least it was a very happy and successful evening. Vince Slavik was chairman, while Bill Rosen was master of ceremonies and these boys, both of them taking the course, did very well indeed and kept the program moving along on schedule.

The program consisted of instrumental solos on guitar and mouth organ, violin and guitar duets, male quartets, recitations and songs by the boys of the school. Considerable talent was shown in the various numbers presented which were roundly applauded. Some of the students spoke of the benefits derived from the youth training course just concluded, while Bill Rosen gave an outline of the work accomplished during the six weeks. From all accounts the course is well worth while and the instruction given of the highest order.

Some thirty-five or forty curiers of the Viking curling club sat down to a banquet in the Viking hotel last Saturday evening and had the pleasure and privilege of extending good wishes and congratulations to the Slavik rink winners of the Grand Challenge at the Edmonton bonspiel, honored guests of the evening's festivities. Just as the gang were sitting down to partake of the viands prepared under the careful eye of mine host Clem, there came a phone call saying that the rink was on fire. The boys thought this was some sort of a gag, but another call said it was the naked and unadorned truth which nobody can deny. So there was a hasty exit from the dining room and on to the rink. While the boys were sprinting to the rink two blocks away, word came that the fire was out, after which everybody settled down again and resumed their places at the festive board.

After the applejack (excuse me, apple pie) had disappeared and smoke from contented appetites curled lazily about the room, the president, Mitchell Fitzmaurice, opened the talk fest with some well chosen words of how happy everybody was when the Slavik rink won the big mug in the city apical, which was no mean feat, me lads and lassies, I'm tellin' ye.

From then on there followed a barrage of testimonials and reminiscences from everybody present, and all joined in expressing their delight that Jack had finally achieved what he started out to do some twenty-five years ago, and at the same time putting Viking on the curling map in great big letters.

Slavik himself gave the credit to his two boys, Vince and Louis, and his lead man, Cecil Runyon, for bringing home the bacon. But the boys came back nicely saying that it was the "Old Man" who came through in the pinches that brought the jewelry and honors home. So everything was hunkydore.

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The World Day of Prayer will be observed in the United Church on February 28th at 3 p.m. All other churches are cordially invited to take part in this observance.

A carload of members of the Irma W.M.S. motored to Holden last Wednesday to attend a meeting of representatives from the branches in the Wainwright presbytery.

There is still a lot of sickness in the district. For several days the attendance in the junior room of the Irma public school was reduced to about one-half the enrolment.

A good variety concert in Hedley's hall, February 25th.

The regular meeting of the Roseberry and Alma Mater Ladies Aid will be held at the home of Mrs. McMillan February 27th at 2:30 p.m. Hostesses are Mrs. A. Fischer and Mrs. McMillan. Devotionals to be taken by Mrs. Longmire. Neighbors and friends are always welcome.

Sharon Young People's Luther League will hold its next meeting on Sunday, February 23rd at 2 o'clock p.m. The meeting is sponsored by the educational committee headed by Mrs. Peter Nilson. Everybody welcome. Please note the change of time.

The Irma hockey team won the game played at Ryley on February 13th. The play-offs will soon be on now.

Even though our weather became colder last Tuesday night we were much better off than Prince Albert, for instance, where the official temperature was given as 49 below zero. Wm. Masson, M.J.A., is in Edmonton this week attending to his parliamentary duties.

Variety concert February 25th. Reeve R. D. Smallwood was re-elected by acclamation as councillor for Division 3 at the annual ratemakers meeting of Battle River Municipal District on Saturday, February 16th. Councillor Wm. Stewart, who was re-nominated for Division 4, is being opposed by Mr. Charles Archibald. The voting will take place on Saturday, February 22nd.

At the first meeting of the new council of the village of Irma, Mr. Foxwell was appointed mayor for the year and E. W. Carter, sec-treas.

Mr. J. W. Milburn received a telegram on Saturday, February 15th, that his brother, Mr. Walter Milburn, had died suddenly at Toronto. Mr. Milburn and daughter Ethel left that evening on the Flyer for Toronto. Milburn Bros. were among the earliest settlers in the Irma district. They opened a general store at the Battle River C.N.R. bridge when the bridge was being built. Later they built and operated the first store in Irma on the corner of 1st avenue and Main street. This store was burned down and never rebuilt. They also took up homesteads north of Irma, where J. W. Milburn and family still reside.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. G. Holt's father, Mr. Magrath at Calgary last week. Mr. Holt was in Calgary over the week-end attending the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hlynka and children left for Bruce last Monday where Mrs. Hlynka's father had died suddenly. Mr. Kusyk was known to many Irma people as he frequently visited his daughter and family and appeared to be hale and hearty when he made his last visit here during the Xmas and New Year holidays.

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